

COCKATOO feed tree species



This is a list of plants native to Whiteman Park that are favoured by our black cockatoos. Each of these can easily be grown in your own garden, depending on the space you have available!

***Allocasuarina fraseriana* — western sheoak**



A beautiful small tree with stunning pine needle-like foliage that adds character to the backyard and whose tiny cones are adored by cockatoos! Grows 5–15m high and flowers from May to October.

***Banksia attenuata* — candlestick banksia**



Attracts both small honeyeater species and cockatoos and makes a wonderful cut flower specimen. Grows to 10m, but in drier conditions to 2m. Flowers October to December.

***Banksia grandis* — bull banksia**



The bull banksia is a stunning large banksia species forming huge cones which cockatoos adore. Highly bird attracting and a stunning specimen for the garden. Grows 1.5–10m high and flowers September to December.

***Banksia menziesii* — firewood banksia**



Common throughout Whiteman Park and the Swan Coastal Plain, this species is an important food item for black cockatoo species along the WA south coast. Grows up to 10m as a tree, or smaller further north, flowers February to October.

***Eucalyptus tottiana* — coastal blackbutt**



The fruit — or 'gumnuts' — are a favourite of our cockatoo species, and this pricklybark is an easy to grow, small gumtree with a graceful, weeping habit once established. Grows 2–8m high and flowers January to April.

***Hakea erinaceae* — hedgehog hakea**



Forms woody follicles that bring black cockatoos from far and wide. This small, albeit prickly shrub has stunning cream to pink flowers that fill the air with a honey scent in winter and early spring. Grows to 1.6m and flowers from May to November.

***Hakea laurina* — pin-cushion hakea**



Known as 'pincushion hakea' due to its unique red globe-shaped flowers, it produces copious woody cones and has a graceful weeping habit. Grows 2–6m high, flowering from April to August.

***Hakea petiolaris* — sea urchin hakea**



Featuring beautiful cream flowers that last well in a vase, cockatoos love the seeds from the large woody follicles, which are also great for kid's craft! Can grow to 9m in tree form and flowers from March to July.

***Hakea trifurcata* — two-leaf hakea**



While very prickly, this species is a favourite for cockatoos and honeyeaters and looks amazing following a dewy night or light rain! Grows up to 3m high and flowers from April to October.

Don't forget to include some lovely clean, fresh water sources around your gardens too.

Key: Tree Shrub

Further resources are available from local native plant nurseries and conservation groups.

